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FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARROP

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SUBJECT: FY 79 AND FY 80 BUDGETED ASSISTANCE FOR AFRICA

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1. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL THAT GUINEA'S AID LEVELS FOR BOTH  
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND PL 480 TITLE I ASSISTANCE  
REMAIN UNCHANGED AND THAT NO PL 480 TITLE II ASSISTANCE  
FOR GUINEA IS BUDGETED.

2. WE FEEL THAT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LEVELS FOR GUINEA  
SHOULD BE RAISED IN LINE WITH RECENT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE  
MORE ASSISTANCE TO GUINEA. LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PROJECT  
FIRST SUGGESTED BY AID/DAKAR (DAKAR 3106) WOULD INVOLVE EXPENDITURES  
OF FROM \$150,000 - \$300,000 FOR TRAINING LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS.  
AID HAS ALSO HINTED AT POSSIBLE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT TO INCLUDE  
GUINEA (STATE 106493). BUDGET LEVEL SHOWN IN PARA 2.C  
OF REFTEL REFLECTS ONLY THE AGRICULTURAL CAPACITY AND  
PRODUCTION PROJECT (675-0201) EXPENDITURES.

3. TITLE I ASSISTANCE SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT  
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GUINEA'S INCREASING WILLINGNESS TO RATIONALIZE ITS  
ECONOMIC POLICY AND OPEN ITS FOREIGN POLICY AS WELL AS  
CLEAR HUMAN RIGHTS AMELIORATION REPRESENTED BY FURTHER  
RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND BY GOG'S SUCCESSFUL  
EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE RETURN OF LARGE NUMBERS OF GUINEAN  
EMIGRES. WE REGARD THE "PROPOSED" LEVEL (LAST COLUMN  
IN "TITLE I TABLE" OF REFTEL) AS MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE.

EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT GUINEAN REQUEST FOR TITLE I NOW IN PREPARATION WILL ASK FOR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TITLE I ALLOCATION IN TERMS OF TONNAGE AND COMMODITIES. GOG WILL REQUEST RICE, WHEAT, OIL, COTTON AND PROBABLY BEANS.

4. TITLE II TABLE SHOULD DEFINITELY INCLUDE GUINEA AS A RECIPIENT COUNTRY. EARLY REPORTS INDICATE RAINFALL PATTERN THIS YEAR HAS AGAIN BEEN UNEVEN, WITH PROSPECT BEING ONE OF FURTHER DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN UPPER GUINEA. DURING RECENT VISIT TO SITE OF IRRIGATION PROJECT IN UPPER GUINEA EMBOFF SAW STUNTED CROPS AND RIVER LEVELS SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW NORMAL. LOW PRODUCTION LAST YEAR REPORTEDLY HAS RESULTED IN LOWER SEED PRODUCTION FOR THE 1978 CROP YEAR. THUS 1978 CROP WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW "NORMAL" (ALTHOUGH POSSIBLY SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR). WE NOW EXPECT THAT GOG WILL BEGIN FORMULATING TITLE II REQUEST AS 1978 AGRICULTURAL RESULTS BECOME CLEARER (RICE IS GENERALLY HARVESTED AT YEAR END IN GUINEA). "CURRENT" TITLE II ALLOCATION SHOULD INCLUDE GUINEA UNTIL FY 80, WHEN THE EFFECTS OF THE 1977 DROUGHT WILL BE SMALLER AND WEATHER PATTERN WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL.  
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